

5 October, 1917.

From: The Adjutant General, State of Texas.

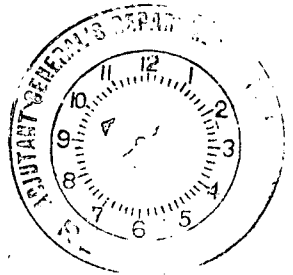
To: Hon. W.S. Adamson, Snyder, Texas.

Subject: Warrant of Authority.

1. Transmitted, herewith, warrant of authority issued in favor of J.P. Billingsley, as Special Ranger, without compensation in the Texas Ranger Force.

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W. S. Adamson  
County Judge, Scurry County  
Snyder, Texas



December Twenty-Seventh,  
Nineteen Seventeen.

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Jas. A. Harley,  
Adjutant General Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. J. P. Billingsley has just received notice that his commission as a Special Ranger has been revoked but the notice further stated that all commissions issued prior to October 1, 1917, are being revoked, but in cases wherein there is special merit parties will be recommissioned after January 1st. 1918.

Mr. Billingsley's Commission was issued October 5th. 1917 and he wants to know if it will also be revoked or is it the intention of the department to revoke only those issued prior to Oct. 1st. 1917.

I believe if it is possible that Mr. Billingsley's Commission should not be revoked as he is needed in his part of the State to take care of some trouble that is still brewing from the trial of the F. & L. P. A. members at Abilene.

Yours very truly,

*W. S. Adamson*  
County Judge Scurry County.

# THE STATE OF TEXAS



## ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

### *Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List*

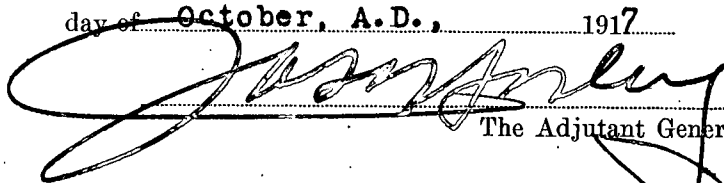
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the bearer J.P. BILLINGSLEY

is a Private in Company "C" Ranger Force, State of Texas, and this is his Warrant of Authority as a Ranger, under an Act of the 27th Legislature of the State of Texas, Approved March 29th, 1901, and Descriptive List for identification, and will be exhibited as his authority to act as a Ranger when called upon for his credentials. This warrant must be surrendered to Company Commander by bearer when discharged. This Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List is signed by The Adjutant General under seal of office and attested by Company Commander.

Name J.P. Billingsley Rank Private  
Age 63 Yrs., 2 Mos. Where born Johnson Co., Texas.  
Height 5 Ft. 10 1/2 inches Occupation Banker  
Hair Dark Enlisted Where Austin, Texas.  
Eyes Blue Enlisted When 1 September, 1917  
Complexion Light Enlisted by Whom The Adjutant General

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 5th

day of October, A.D., 1917

  
The Adjutant General.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Ranger Force  
Commanding Co. \_\_\_\_\_

W. S. Adamson  
County Judge, Scurry County  
Snyder, Texas

February ~~Sixth~~,  
Nineteen Nineteen.

Hon. Jas. A. Harley,  
Adjutant General,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

We are writing you in the interest of  
J. P. Billingsley who has heretofore been serving  
as a Special Ranger in our county and whose com-  
mission as such has expired.

Mr. Billingsley can render our county  
and State a great service in this capacity, we  
believe, and we therefore ask that you re-appoint  
him as Special Ranger.

Yours very sincerely,

  
County Judge Scurry Co.

  
Sheriff Scurry County.

## ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company "C" Ranger Force, Station \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Scurry

I, J. P. Billingsley, born in Alvresado,  
in the State of Texas, aged 63 years and 7 months, and by occupation a  
Banker do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
October, 1917, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years,  
unless sooner discharged by proper authority. ~~And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such~~  
~~bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law.~~ And I do solemnly swear  
that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of  
the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the  
United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution  
of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted  
as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I further-  
more swear that I have not, directly nor indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor prom-  
ised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, to secure my  
appointment. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept A. D. 1917

J. P. Billingsley  
N. S. Adamson  
County Judge Scurry Co. Texas

I certify that J. P. Billingsley, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me  
previous to his enlistment, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is physically able, competent to and  
will faithfully perform the duties incumbent on him in accordance with law. This man is 63 years  
7 months of age. Height 5 feet 10 1/2 inches. Complexion light Eyes blue  
Hair dark Born at Alvresado County of Johnson State of Texas  
Occupation Banker Married or single married Previous service  
none

Remarks:

Permanent address?  
Dunn, Scurry County, Texas

N. S. Adamson  
County Judge Scurry Co. Texas  
Captain Co. Ranger Force.

Filed in Description

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS  
RANGER FORCE

Name J.P. Billingsley

Rank Private

Company "G", Ranger Force

Station \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL RANGER.

Reinstated 1-8-18